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MCCONE, A REPUBLICAN, WAS HEARD BY THE FOREIGN RELATIONS, ARMED SERVICES, AND JOINT ATOMIC COMMITTEES. FOREIGN RELATIONS CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, D-ARK. SAID MCCONE'S "HIGHLY CLASSIFIED" TESTIMONY "DID SUBSTANTIATE THE GENERAL POSITION ON THE STRATEGIC PROS AND CONS" OF THE TREATY PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED BY ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN.

HE SAID MCCONE TESTIFIED THAT HE PREVIOUSLY HAD SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT "A BAN ON NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS IN THE ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES." FULBRIGHT ADDED:

"HE TESTIFIED TODAY THAT HE HAD NOT CHANGED HIS MIND AND THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTELLIGENCE HE PRESENTED TODAY HE FAVORED THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY NOW BEFORE THE SENATE."

BUT, LIKE THE JOINT CHIEFS, MCCONE ADDED THAT THE NEEDED SAFEGUARDS MUST BE ASSURED, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF THE PACIFIC PROVING GROUND "FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TESTING IF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS REQUIRE IT."

FULBRIGHT TOLD NEWSMEN HE HOPED THE TREATY HEARINGS WILL END THE WEEK AFTER NEXT AND THAT HE FELT TESTIMONY SO FAR HAS "SATISFIED" SOME OF THE OPPOSITION. HE SAID HE HAD "GUESSED" THE TREATY VOTE WOULD BE 80 TO 20 FOR THE TREATY BUT BELIEVES NOW THE NUMBER OF LIKELY OPPOSITION VOTES "HAS BEEN REDUCED."

SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., ARMED SERVICES CHAIRMAN, TOLD REPORTERS AFTER HEARING MCCONE THAT THE TREATY WILL BE "HELD UP UNTIL WE GET A FIRM REPLY" -- NOT NECESSARILY IN ALL DETAILS -- ABOUT PLANS TO ERECT THE REQUESTED SAFEGUARDS. HE SAID SENATORS WANT TO BE ASSURED THAT THERE WILL BE "ACTION TAKEN AND VERY LIVE ORGANIZATION READY TO MOVE IN IF THE RUSSIANS ABROGATE THIS TREATY AS THEY DID IN 1961."

SEN. HOWARD W. CANNON, D-NEV. SAID THAT IF THE BILL OF PARTICULARS DOES NOT RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF SENATORS THEY MIGHT "REQUIRE A VERY SPECIFIC STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT ON THESE SAFEGUARDS."

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